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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hendrikus W.J. HOFS et al.

Group Art Unit: 1733

Application No.: 10/005,148

Examiner: A. Johnstone

Filed: December 7, 2001

Docket No.: 102928.02

For: PROCESS FOR MANUFACTURING CONTINUOUS POLYESTER FILAMENT
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT (37 CFR 1.121)
AND RE-SUBMISSION OF PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

In Response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed March 6, 2002, submitted herewith is a revised Preliminary Amendment and Appendix.

In the Notice, it was indicated that the Preliminary Amendment filed on December 7, 2001 was non-compliant as it allegedly omitted a marked-up version of the amended Abstract.

In the December 7, 2001 Preliminary Amendment, Applicants submitted an amended Abstract in which the original two paragraph format was replaced with a single paragraph as required by U.S. practice. A marked-up version of the Abstract was included with the Appendix to the Preliminary Amendment (see page A-1). Although it is not clear what the basis of the objection is, the objection apparently stems from the marked-up version of the Abstract in the Appendix not adequately reflecting the revision of the Abstract from two paragraphs to a single paragraph.



As this, Applicants submit herewith a revised Preliminary Amendment in which the marked-up version of the Abstract reflects the changes made to the Abstract in a different, overt manner.

Applicants respectfully submit that the attached revised Preliminary Amendment is fully compliant with 37 CFR 1.121, and entry thereof is thus respectfully requested. Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative to discuss any matter with respect to this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments:

Preliminary Amendment
Appendix
Abstract of the Disclosure

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please amend the title to:

CORD MADE FROM POLYESTER FILAMENTS

IN THE ABSTRACT:

✓ Please replace the original Abstract with the amended Abstract attached as a separate page to this Preliminary Amendment.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

✓ Pages 1-22, delete the header "AFP 2440 R".

Page 1, line 2, insert:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

✓ Page 1, delete lines 3-14.

✓ Page 1, lines 17-25, delete current paragraph and insert therefor:

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